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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: Naoya HASEGAWA, et al.
Appln. No.: 09/774,781
Filed: January 30, 2001
For: Spin-Valve Thin-Film Magnetic Element and Method for Making The Same
Attorney Docket No: 9281-3917

Examiner: George J. Letscher
Art Unit: 2653

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Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
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TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Letter; Response to Restriction/Election Requirement of May 6, 2004 (12 pages); Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate); Check for \$110.00 (1-Month Ext. of Time Fee)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☒ An extension fee in an amount of \$110.00 for a one-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

					Small Entity			Not a Small Entity	
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Add'l Fee	or	Rate	Add'l Fee
Total	18	Minus	36	0	x \$9=			x \$18=	
Indep.	1	Minus	3	0	x 43=			x \$86=	
First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim					+\$145=			+\$290=	
					Total	\$		Total	\$

Fee payment:

- ☒ A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____ A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Date 6/23/04

Respectfully submitted,
[Signature]
Anthony P. Curtis (Reg. No. 46,193)

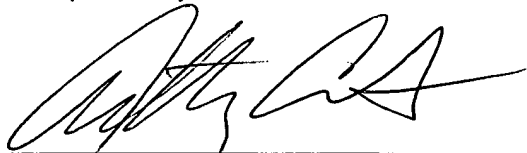
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	<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Two Months	\$420.00	\$210.00
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five Months	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

Fee Payment

- ☒ Attached is a check for \$110.00 for the Petition fee.
- ☐ Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$_____ for the Petition fee.
- ☐ Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.
- ☒ Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

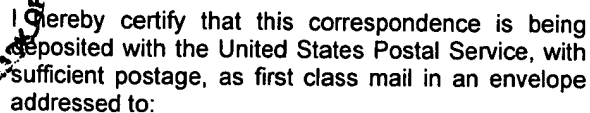
Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: June 23, 2004

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT FOR
OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 6, 2004**

**Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 22313 -1450**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2004, Applicants elect with traverse Species I, and Claims 1 – 7, 15, and 17 -26, and corresponding Figures 1 - 4 and 20 – 21 for the present application.

Application No. 09/774,781
Reply to Office Action of May 6, 2004

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.